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For : OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and before examination, kindly amend the above captioned application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, between the title and the first line of text, insert the following heading:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

Page 5, line 17, change "appreciate" to -- appreciated --;

line 21, insert the following heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --;

line 34, change “characterised” to -- characterized --.

Page 9, line 13, change “characterised” to -- characterized --.

Page 10, before line 1, insert the following heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --;

line 23, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE  
PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --.

Page 11, line 13, change “neighbouring” to -- neighboring --;

line 33, change “equalisation” to -- equalization --;

line 34, change “preferable” to -- preferably --.

Page 12, line 3, change “equalisation” to -- equalization --.

Page 15, line 24, change “equalisation”, both occurrences, to -- equalization --;

line 26, change “realised” to -- realized --.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 27, change the subtitle “CLAIMS” to -- WE CLAIM --.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 13, change “characterised” to -- characterized --.

Claim 3, line 1, delete “or 2”.

Claim 5, line 1, change “any preceding claim” to -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 6, line 1, change “any one of Claims 1 to 5” to -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 9, line 1, change “any preceding claim” to -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 10, line 1, change “any preceding claim” to -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 11, line 1, change “any preceding claim” to -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 12, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 13, line 11, change "characterised" to -- characterized --.

Claim 15, line 1, change "Claims 13 or 14" to -- Claim 13 --.

Claim 16, line 1, delete ", 14 or 15".

Claim 19, line 1, change "any one of Claims 13 to 18" to -- Claim 13 --.

Claim 20, line 1, change "any one of Claims 13 to 19" to -- Claim 13 --.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Page 18, change the heading to read:

-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE --;

delete the last line of the page which reads:

"Figure 1 should accompany the abstract."

**REMARKS**

Headings have been added to the specification, and the claims and abstract have been amended to conform to U.S. practice.

Wherefore, an early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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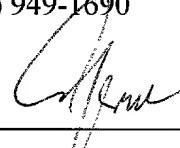
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